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The Red Cross Campaign Moves Forward Chairman Carr And The Entire Committee Begin Work To Solicit Everyone Here

Give And Wear Tag Double Last Gift

Determination to get off to a flying start in the solicitations for the American Red Cross War Fund in the various towns of Franklin County was evidenced at the conclusion of a meeting for conference of town chairmen and Red Cross officials held at Greenfield last Saturday afternoon. Those who attended and represented Northfield were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr, Miss Julia Austin, Mrs. Grace Kendall of the Seminary and A. P. Fitt. In spite of the severe storm there were over 150 persons in attendance. The entire plan of operation and set up of the organization was contained on a blue print which was distributed to those in attendance.

A luncheon was served by the Greenfield Red Cross canteen corps, and the meeting was held at the Second Congregational church.

Red Cross officials gave a good account of the work the Red Cross is doing in its various services, at home and on the war front among service men, and emphasized the need of one and all giving all they can afford to give in the present effort. There will be no additional calls for assistance from the Red Cross this year and there will be no roll call solicitation.

As stated in last week's Press, the Franklin county quota is \$56,600 and the quota for Northfield is \$1,000. A list of the soliciting committee was given for this community and our readers will now be able to know whom they can expect to make a call. The caller will also hope that before the visit you will have determined your gift and be ready with it. Prompt action will save time and effort and hasten the completion of the final count.

As we go to press, Mr. Carr the chairman, reports in an optimistic manner, satisfaction with the progress of the canvass thus far, and the members of the committee are doing a fine job. He is also grateful for the ready and prompt responses.

Downed With Plane

Word has been received that Ensign Robert L. de Veer of this town, pilot of a Navy torpedo bomber, was forced down off the California coast because of engine failure and it was necessary, due to the nature of the coastline, to make a landing in the surf. Through skillful maneuvering his crew of three and he escaped with no injury. Later, the plane was salvaged.

Ensign de Veer's wife is with her family at Yonkers, N. Y., having recently returned from the coast. His sister is Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster of Valley Vista Inn.

Hostel Movies

Movies are shown at the Hostel at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Saturday. Everyone is welcome. This week's program is: "Goal Rush," "Here Comes the Circus," "Mexico, Old and New," "Ride 'Em, Cowboy," "Swimming and Diving."

There will be an animated cartoon. Following the evening show will be square dancing for all.

The Lenten Institute Has Its First Session

The first session of the Lenten Institute was held at the Congregational church on Thursday evening. Supper was served by a committee of ladies from the Evening Auxiliary under Mrs. George Carr.

Due to the illness of two of the speakers, the class program for the evening was rearranged. Dr. J. Glover Johnson of Mount Hermon began his course in the Life of Christ, speaking on the topic "Who Was Jesus Christ?" The class in Comparative Religions under Miss Victoria Freeman was omitted, owing to her absence. She will begin her course next Thursday evening. Dr. Edward Fairbank of Northfield took the place of Mrs. Helen K. Gethman in the course entitled "The Church Faces Today's World." Dr. Fairbank spoke on "Understanding the Problem of India." Mrs. Gethman will speak on Refugees on March 26th, the evening on which Dr. Fairbank's talk was originally scheduled.

At the worship service in the sanctuary, the Rev. George K. Carter was the speaker. Mr. Carter, formerly of the First Congregational church, Greenfield, is now supplying the Robbins Memorial church in that city. He brought a helpful devotional message to all.

Next Thursday evening, March 18, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Kenneth R. Henley of the Second Congregational church, Greenfield. This will be the first time Mr. Henley has spoken in Northfield since coming to Franklin county. Dr. Johnson will continue the study of the Life of Christ, speaking on the topic "What Is His Value as an Actual Historical Person?" Miss Freeman will begin her course, "Christianity Meets Other Religions." Miss Anna Kurko of the History Department of the Seminary, will speak on "Understanding Race Relations in America," to the current events group. The Friendly Class, in charge of the supper hour, has asked each person to bring his or her own box lunch. A slight charge will be made for coffee served by the committee. All are welcome to this session of the Institute.

Bernardston Gets Gift To Repair Town Hall

Recently the town of Bernardston received a gift of \$4,000 from a native son and former resident, to be used in the needed repairs and improvements at the Town Hall and Powers Institute. The gift was accepted and at the annual town meeting last week the voters decided to spend \$10,000 and put the Town Hall in good condition for use. The building had been closed for some time because of faulty construction. The town decided also to employ a janitor to care for the building when again opened for use.

Young Hopkins In Africa

From Leonard Lyons column we have the following story:

"During the Roosevelt conferences in Africa an officer approached Sgt. Robert Hopkins of the signal corps and asked his name, rank, and serial number. The next day young Hopkins was told that he was being ordered to return to America with the President's trip. . . 'Dad, I want you to use some influence,' Robert confessed to his father, Harry Hopkins. 'I need some pull' . . . 'What is it, the father asked. His son whispered, 'I don't want to leave here, at least until Tunis falls.' The orders were changed." Robert Hopkins formerly lived in Northfield with his mother and graduated from Mount Hermon in 1941. His many friends in this town and at Hermon should feel proud of his spirit.

Has Joined The WAVES

Miss Agnes Plotzky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotzky of West Northfield, has joined the WAVES and after spending a few days at her home, left early this week for New York where she will receive her training. Four of her brothers are already in the various services. Miss Plotzky has been employed at a bank in Pittsfield and she has been given a leave of absence to do her share of war service.



George C. Stebbins Observes 97th Birthday

Christmas Committee Plan Events To Come

At a well attended meeting of the Christmas committee of this town, held at the home of Mrs. Roger Greenwood on Monday, many important matters were considered in the furtherance of the work for our men in the service of their country. It was decided to hold a sale of plants at the Easter season and during the week previous to Memorial Day to contemplate a War Exhibit with the co-operation of the Historical Society in their museum in the old Pine Street school. There will be panels listing all engaged in war work organizations, war workers and service men. There will be shown war relics and also the illustrations or models of work now carried on. All war service organizations should send to Mrs. E. M. Powell, the chairman, a list of the personnel of its divisions, such as Civilian Defense, Red Cross, State Guard, American Legion, Observation post and all committee, War Savings, Salvage, etc. Prizes will be awarded to those organizations making the best display of their effort or of working models. A committee consisting of J. W. Field, Miss Elsie Scott, Miss M. A. Brann and Rev. R. B. Jack has been named to make awards.

To Give A Play At Hermon School

Spring vacation for the Mount Hermon boys begins on Friday, March 19. On the eve of their departure from campus the Hermon Players will present "The Missing Witness," a courtroom melodrama in three acts by James Reach. Said to be based on a real trial which was a newspaper sensation in New York several years ago, many spectators have succeeded in identifying the characters with those in the real drama on which it is said to be founded. Color is lent to these speculations by the fact that the author was a reporter for a number of years and covered many authentic trials for his paper. William Morrow of the Hermon faculty will again act as director of the production and George Stuhkart, Jr., of Union City, N. J., is stage manager. On the night of March 18 Camp Hall will be transformed into a courtroom in which the play-trial will be enacted. There will be no curtain or intermission to mar the effect of the action and ushers will serve as policemen and witnesses will be scattered about in the audience. The attorney for the defense will be played by Norton T. Gretzler of New York; Norman H. Buker of New London, N. H. will act at prosecuting attorney. Other leading roles are: Robert M. Benbow of Seattle, the defendant; the judge, Peter Brandon of New York; "The Missing Witness," played by Richard Criswell of New York; coroner, William H. Sturup, III, of Worcester; foreman of the jury, Martin Spohn of New York. Court officials will be played by Lee Perry of Sutton; Daniel Shultz, Fayetteville, N. Y.; and Elliot Gordon of New York. Witnesses will include Herbert Belzer, Frank D. Pechmann, Jr., Robert R. Arnold, Arthur Tenney, Charles A. Spear, and Gerard Vandermyn. Eight women take part in the trial, and these roles will be enacted by Hermon students.

Speakers Here Sunday

The guest speaker in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel Sunday will be Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy professor emeritus of practical theology at the Yale Divinity school. Dr. Tweedy has been one of the most popular speakers at Northfield and Hermon for a number of years and his return to the Hermon campus is looked forward to with great pleasure. The services will begin at 10:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. At Northfield Seminary's Sage Chapel Mrs. Marguerite H. Bro of Frances Shimer College, Mount Carroll, Illinois will speak at the morning service at 11 o'clock and at vesper at 5 p. m. Mrs. Bro is a former secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational church.

Wrote Many Fine Hymns Co-worker With Moody Frequent Visitor Here

George C. Stebbins, composer of hundreds of gospel songs, the sole survivor of the Moody and Sankey evangelistic groups, and a frequent sojourner in Northfield, observed his 97th birthday recently at his home in Catskill, N. Y. Seated at his piano, an instrument he had never seen until he was sixteen years of age, Mr. Stebbins posed for his picture for friends on his recent birthday observance. In the Methodist church of Catskill, on the Sunday, there was a special service in his honor and only his music was heard and his hymns sung. Among the hymn tunes which he composed are "True Hearted, Whole Hearted," "My Jesus I Love Thee"; "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"; "I've Found a Friend"; "Evening Prayer"; and others well known. In the last decade of the century, Mr. Stebbins was a familiar figure around Northfield, coming frequently for meetings with Mr. Moody and to be present at the Conferences. Many of his hymns were sung for the first time at the summer gatherings at Northfield.

Today loving hands are caring for him in his home in the Hudson River valley. He lives over and over again the experiences of the past and keeps in touch with all his former friends and interests. He receives the Northfield Press and from the pages are read to him the many happenings at Mount Hermon, of the events taking place at the Seminary, and the chronicles of a score of friends, whose friendship he frequently recalls.

Northfield well remembers George C. Stebbins, his generation is passing, but the young folks have received his benediction and they will continue to sing his hymns and leave them to a future generation still unborn.

Northfield greets Mr. Stebbins on his 97th birthday.

Plan Instructions On Air Warning Service

Plans are underway for the inauguration of aircraft recognition classes for Northfield's airplane spotters to be given by Sidney Spivett, who recently completed this course at the Army school in Boston. The classes may start within the next two or three weeks, possibly soon after a combined meeting of the local civilian defense and aircraft warning services at Alexander hall on March 22, when Army officers will give a private showing of sound movies depicting the place of aircraft warning in the American defense plan. The meeting, open only to members of the two organizations will be sponsored by the Northfield Civilian Defense Committee.

Kinney-Alexander

Miss Lillian Edwina Alexander, daughter of Mrs. Leon R. Alexander of Northfield, was married last Friday afternoon, March 5, at the rectory of the Mount Vernon Congregational church in Boston, to Pvt. Richard F. Kinney, son of Mrs. Harriet Kinney of New York. Rev. Carl Heath Kopf officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle N. Dwight Alexander of Springfield. Mrs. Clarence Anderson of Northampton was matron of honor. Hubert J. Eastman, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man.

The bride wore a navy blue suit of needlepoint weave, with chartreuse and orchid panels and a chalk white satin blouse trimmed with buttons of cluster pearls. She wore an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Kinney was graduated from Northfield Seminary and Boston university. Pvt. Kinney was graduated from Mount Hermon school and Oberlin college. About 35 relatives and friends attended the ceremony.

Creditable Publication

The new A. Y. H. Knapsack for spring 1943 has made its appearance and is being sent to members of the hostel organization. It is a creditable publication, edited by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith, and profuse with illustrations. Several contributors have articles in its pages in regard to hostel life but perhaps among the most important announcements contained in its pages is the listing of the hostel trips to be undertaken during the coming summer months. The Youth Hostel management announces that this is "Improvement year" for the movement and looks forward to a wide expansion of the effort. The Handbook for the year will be issued about May first.

Johnson Fire Chief Gibson Roads Supt. Selectmen Appoint

At the recent meeting of the Selectmen, held after their election at the annual meeting of the town, they organized with Fred A. Holton as Chairman. The board then named the appointments of officials who are to serve the community during the coming year. Ralph V. Gibson was again named as superintendent of roads and Charles L. Johnson was re-appointed as fire chief and forest fire warden. Frank Anderson was named as gypsy moth agent. Others named were as follows: Arthur H. Bolton, cattle inspector; Lawrence S. Quinlan and Edward M. Morgan as fence viewers; Rev. George A. Bronson, pound keeper and dog officer, and the four constables as field drivers.

Dean Williams was named as sealer of weights and measures.

Charles L. Johnson, a registrar of voters; James E. Dresser and Fred I. Bolton, surveyors of wood-land; George Dunnell, Myron Dunnell, Clarence Spaulding and Fred B. Kelley, public weighers.

Ted Powell At Miami

Ted Powell, like many other boys who have served in our local State Guard, has found that the training was invaluable. In the Carolina Guards he was put into the top company—Co. A—because of his knowledge, and spent part of his time training new recruits. Last week he wrote from Miami Florida, "Today I was made a squad leader. This means that I have to check up on the men each time we fall in formation. The State Guard experience still helps me." At present he is in the A. A. F. T. C.

Barrett-Solasz

Miss Della Anna Solasz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solasz of Winchester hill, and Pvt. John Barrett of Montclair, N. J., were married last Sunday in St. Michael's church in Ashuelot, by the Rev. Ernest Brodeur who used the single ring ceremony. Miss Anna Barrett of Montclair was the maid of honor and Bernard C. Kovalczyk of Turners Falls was best man. The young couple left on a short wedding trip after which Mrs. Barrett will return to her work at the Tap and Dye Co. and Pvt. Barrett will report to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri where he is in training.

A Card Of Thanks

To my many friends in Northfield and afar, I wish to offer my sincere appreciation for their kind expressions of cheer received during my recent illness, in the form of cards, letters and gifts of flowers and fruit. I want to thank those who furnished transportation to the hospital. The thoughtfulness and kindnesses of friends will long be remembered as they sustained me in courage and faith during the days at the hospital and my convalescence at home.

Donald B. Finch

Some Sermon Thoughts

Last Sunday at the Unitarian church, speaking on the theme: "God the Great Teacher and Life His Common School," Mr. Heeb said in part: "There are many teachings, but there is but One Teacher, there are many places of study but one school, and life, that takes in the full meaning of God's informing power, is our and His text book."

When Rome was sacked by the Vandals, St. Augustine wrote his "City of God" but it was as much in the clouds as on earth. Today this book is being read again but it seems to be the "great escape" from the real questions of today. We need to validate human experience again, hard and terrible as it is today, because out of it we get the schooling God intends us to have. God is telling us today how wrong we have been. He is also telling us in the text book of our mistakes—what we may yet become, both as individuals and as a united and peaceful world.

Northfield Brotherhood To Have Ladies' Night To Hear Fine Speaker

The Northfield Brotherhood announces that its meeting next Tuesday evening, will be another "Ladies' Night." This is being done because of an unusual opportunity which has made it possible to secure as speaker a person whose address will be of special interest to the ladies as well as to the men.

The speaker, Mrs. Marguerite Bro, is associated with the Frances Shimer College, at Mount Carroll, Illinois. She is nationally known as an authority on questions of community and family life and is the author of widely-read books on these subjects. The Brotherhood is fortunate to be able to arrange for her presence. Her subject will be "Scapagoats."

Since the ladies of the community are to be the guests, the dinner will be prepared by the Northfield Hotel. An offering will be taken to defray the expenses for the evening (approximately fifty cents per person). The opportunity of hearing Mrs. Bro is one which should not be missed by anyone interested in family and town.

No Berkshire Festival

Information has been received that the Berkshire Music Center will not open this summer and the concerts will be suspended probably for the duration. The decision was reached reluctantly by a committee representing the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Berkshire Symphony Festival and the Koussevitzky Musical Foundation. However plans will be considered for the reopening of the Center, just as soon as the war will permit. The Berkshire Music Center, well known, has a wonderful appeal throughout the entire nation from all music lovers.

Had Auto Accident

During the severe storm of last Saturday two cars were reported in collision on Main street at the intersection with Pine street. One going north was driven by Stanley Shields with his wife as passenger of Winchester and the other by Miss Eleanor Davis of this town with a number of young ladies as passengers. Two of them were slightly injured and both cars were badly damaged. Deputy Sheriff Vorce and Officer Hiller investigated and said the accident was due to poor visibility and bad driving conditions.

Using Meat These Days

Next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Mothers Society will sponsor a meeting in the Home Economics room at the High school when Miss Elsie Erhardt of the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. will give a demonstration of "meat extenders and alternatives." Given through the county Extension service, the demonstration is an effort to help homemakers get as much as possible from the amount of meat available now. All welcome.



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Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston and Mrs. Carroll Miller of the Red Cross local canteen corps, gave a talk and demonstration on "Feeding the Sick" before a meeting of the Girl Scouts in Center school last week Thursday.

Prof. Orvil E. Mirtz of Mount Hermon school faculty is chairman for the Red Cross campaign at the school.

The Civilian Defense committee wishes to remind our citizens that when they leave their homes at night no lights should be left burning unless attended.

Melvin L. Gallagher, choral director of the Northfield schools for the last ten years, has accepted a position at the Greenfield Tap and Die Corp. He has rearranged his work at the Seminary and Mount Hermon so that he can carry on his necessary duties at the schools. Mr. Gallagher, who realizes how essential music is in the war effort, feels he also has time to devote to more practical work before being called into the armed services.

Miss Daisy R. Holton will be the organist at the various scheduled meetings of the Lenten Institute at the Congregational church.

The Seminary students will leave the campus on Thursday March 25, for their spring vacation and classes will resume on April 8.

Women who cannot attend the afternoon hours in the making of surgical dressings for the Red Cross, can attend the evening class every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9:30 o'clock in Alexander hall.

During the past week the Red Cross Motor Corps have taken the surgical dressings and sewing done by local women to the Red Cross Chapter rooms in Greenfield. Books from Northfield Farms were also delivered to the Greenfield Public Library for the Victory Book campaign.

The U. S. Civil service announces the examination for female aircraft mechanic trainees for employment at Westover Field sub depot. If you are interested apply for further information at the East Northfield Postoffice.

The Fire department was called out for a chimney fire at the residence of W. G. Slate on Wednesday noon. Fire Chief Johnson reports no damage resulted.

Wednesday of this week was Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. Every church invites you to attend its special services. Easter will come Sunday, April 25th.

Spring is not far off, for officially it begins on Sunday, March 21st. Everybody will be glad to say good-bye to snows, ice, raw winds and cold weather. We have had more than our share this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fay, who reside in the Reed house on Main street, will observe the 50th anniversary of their wedding tomorrow, Saturday. They were married in Otis and after living in Pittsfield came to Northfield to make their home several years ago. They have one daughter, Mrs. Milford Andrews, who resides with her husband on Warwick avenue.

Because of the illness of teachers, Mrs. George Sheldon has been substituting in the schools of Gill. Miss Lillian Dean of Brookline who was expected to come to Northfield shortly for a stay, is reported as very ill with pneumonia in a hospital at Boston.

TOWN TOPICS

The cold spell of last week Wednesday and Thursday was another record breaker for the time of year. The mercury clung close to the zero mark. Last Saturday brought us a bad storm with much fine snow and strong winds. Plows were out all night keeping the roads clear. On Sunday most citizens remained indoors and enjoyed the comforts of their home.

The death of Walter L. Reed age 49, occurred last Saturday at his home on the Winchester road just beyond the state line. He had been ill with pneumonia. The funeral was held on Monday at Winchester. He leaves a wife and several children.

Calvin Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood, after returning from college, has been accepted for service with the Navy. He reported to Springfield this week for orders and assignment.

Although the campaign of the Victory Book committee has officially closed and some 275 books have been sent in, Mrs. Marjory Norton, librarian of Dickinson Library, will be glad to receive any further contributions.

The Girl Scout party which was announced for today (Friday) has been postponed until next Friday the 19th.

Members of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church met yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at the church parlor and were addressed by Supt. of Schools Robert N. Taylor.

Another cold spell the beginning of this week meant pushing the fires along a little more and our coal and wood piles are diminishing. Below zero weather is a chilly experience and most of us have had enough this winter.

This Friday evening the Grange holds its St. Patrick's day dance in the Grange hall, when green will be the predominating color. Next week Tuesday evening the Grange will hold a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert on Winchester road.

Mrs. Fred S. Merrifield, who has been quite ill recently and at the hospital for several days, is now gradually improving.

Gordon MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. John MacDonald of Bourne, former summer residents of this town, is an aviation cadet, now in training at the pre-flight school for pilots at Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Helen B. Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell of the Hinsdale road, has returned to her school studies, after a month's absence, due to an appendix operation.

Friends of Dr. Allen H. Wright will be glad to learn that he is gradually gaining in health and strength and is now able to be about the house. He expects to be able to be in his office next Monday to respond to personal calls only.

It is reported that Phillip Mann Jr., has purchased the Atwood house on Warwick avenue, from Harland Atwood, the executor of the estate.

Harold Briesmaster was at his home at Valley Vista Inn this week to spend a few days of his furlough.

Mrs. E. M. Powell is quite anxious to obtain all available old phonograph records, whether damaged, broken or obsolete in order to sell them for the aid of the service men's fund of the Christmas committee. These records may be left at Spencer's garage or at the Bookstore.

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TOWN TOPICS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Chudzik, Jr., of the Farms at the Franklin county hospital on Sunday, March 7.

Miss Elizabeth L. Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps, who was first in the Legion oratorical contest in the local high school and was entitled to compete in the zone contest at Turners Falls High school Tuesday evening, withdrew from the contest and her place was taken by a student from Arms Academy at Shelburne Falls.

Don't forget that the Northfield Hotel invites you to a Neighborhood evening with an appetizing supper on Wednesday evening.

Monroe Smith, director of the Youth Hostels, is at present on engagements for presenting the movement on the west coast. He is filling speaking and conference dates.

Rev. Orville Mirtz of Mount Hermon school conducted the morning service at the Metcalf Memorial chapel in Warwick last Sunday.

The New York Times of February 28th contained a most interesting article on the work of the Pioneer Valley Symphony in its concerts at Greenfield. The author was John D. Donoghue on the staff of the Times and should be read by all interested in music and of this organization directed by Harold Leslie.

Chester Scoble of the Farms, who is a machinist mate, 2c, in the Navy, is confined in the Naval hospital at St. Albans, Queens, for treatment for injuries received in action.

Dr. Glover Johnson of Mount Hermon Memorial church conducted the devotional services at the pre-Lenten conference of Congregational churches held last week Thursday with the Second Congregational church at Greenfield. It is reported that representatives of twenty churches in the county attended.

Mrs. M. P. Stanley, who has been visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Dize at their home in Houston, Texas, is now at Daytona Beach in Florida for the remainder of the winter.

The town of Warwick announces a tax rate for 1943 of \$35 which is one dollar less than last year. Warwick is the second town in the county to announce its rate.

The Massachusetts Press Association which represents most of the daily and weekly newspapers in the state held a meeting in Boston at the Kenmore Hotel last Monday.

An inventory of the estate of the late Daniel VanValkenburgh of Bernardston, formerly of Mount Hermon, was filed in Probate court last week. Appraisal totaled \$1,820.

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Church Services In Northfield

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Rev. Edward C. Dahl

The program for the week will be as follows: Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday school. At 11 o'clock the morning worship with sermon by Mr. Dahl. Choir rehearsal after the morning service. 8, Sunday school at Schoolhouse No. 4. Mr. Nielsen in charge. 6.30, Christian Endeavor meeting led by Shirley Purrington.

On Monday at 7 o'clock, the Friendly Class meet in Alexander hall. Note advance in time. 7.15, Boy Scout meeting.

Tuesday at 6.30, the Northfield Brotherhood. Ladies' night. Supper.

Wednesday: 2.45, the W. C. T. U. will meet in Center school lunch room to see a play put on by the young people of Mrs. Leonard's classes. 3, the Mothers' Society will meet in the Home Economics room of the High school. Miss Elsie Erhart will speak on "Meat Extenders and Alternates." All interested are invited.

Thursday, The Lenten Institute. All welcome. 10 a. m., the Sewing Society will meet. Luncheon at noon.

UNITARIAN CHURCH Rev. Arthur Heeb

Services Sunday and events as follows:

Sunday, 10.45 a. m., service of worship, sermon topic: "Jesus Challenged Motives, Not Men." (This is the first of a series of sermons on the teaching of Jesus.) Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. A cordial welcome to all. Church school at 10 a. m., theme: "Love Makes Life."

Tuesday evenings at 7.30 at 86 Main street, Mr. Heeb will give a series of informal talks on the Bible. Beginning with New Light on the Gospels, Eastern version, translated from the Aramaic, the language which Jesus spoke, text by George M. Lamsa. The ministers at Bernardston and Greenfield have been invited to lead the group later in the Lenten season.

The radio address given by Mr. Heeb recently over WHAI, "The Bible as a Book of Life," is being used as a basis for study and discussion by the Woman's Alliance of Bernardston.

SOUTH VERNON CHURCH Rev. E. W. Blackstone

At the Advent Christian church on Sunday morning worship will be at 10.30 o'clock, with topic, "Grace That Is Greater." Children's service every Sunday. Sunday school at 11.45 with classes for all. Loyal Workers meet at 6.30 p. m. Evening praise service at 7.30 with hymn sing, special music and topic "God's Terms." Tuesday evening, 7.30 Intercessory prayer group at Vernon Home.

"THIS year... I'm giving double!"

here's why—

Sure, I gave to the Red Cross last year — everybody did.

Didn't think much about it, or know much about it either. Bandages, knitting sweaters, and the like, that's what it seemed like then and I was for it just as a matter of course.

This year it's different. I've seen the Red Cross at work.

Saw it working out at the plant the night of the big fire, when a lot of the boys were laid out cold. Some of them wouldn't be around today except for the Red Cross being right there from the start, ready with first aid, and with an ambulance and canteen and a bunch of men and women who knew what to do and how to do it. I'll say they were good.

Then, when my boy, Ben, drops his job and goes to soldiering, I get another angle on the Red Cross. Get it in a letter from a Red Cross guy who'd set up shop in Ben's camp. Opened my eyes to a lot of things about my own boy that I didn't know. He'd sure taken a pack of worries with him into the army. And this Mr. Field Director seems to have the job of getting wise to a man's troubles and doing something about them. Not only there, but at the home end too.

It's a long story, but it came out fine, thanks to that "trouble buster" at camp and a straight-shooting wo-

man here that just calls it Red Cross Home Service. I'll say it was home service. Just ask my missus.

We got a new daughter-in-law now and I'm a grandpaw and Ben goes back to camp with his eyes shining and his chest out. It might have been pretty bad though.

That was back last Summer, and a lot of things have been happening since. The war's come terribly close. If you've got a boy out there you know what I mean.

Last week we got a letter from Sergeant Ben that his mother wouldn't take a million for. Between the lines, you can tell that our boys are giving those devils everything they've got and taking it too. Must have been pretty bad. One thing the censor let through gave me another Red Cross angle.

Seems Mr. Field Director and his bunch have gone right through with my boy's outfit. Been in the hottest spots in every show with them. Not with guns, but doing a lot of other things that add up, too. They're there with what's needed when it's needed, just like they were at that fire of ours. With the kind of things that may seem pretty small to us at home, but go big in a foxhole. "Dad" writes Ben, "Think of the Red Cross as a he-man organization. Dig when the War Fund comes around next time."

You bet I will. *This year I'm giving double.*

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Thursday, 7, mid-week prayer service at Vernon Home.

The newly organized men's group met at the church last Monday and will be named "The State Line Fellowship." Constitution and by-laws were adopted and Prof. C. C. Compton was the speaker, his subject being Greece and the Balkans, from the last World War to the present. After the talk a collection was taken for the Greek War Relief. Refreshments were served and the next meeting was announced for April. All men are invited to attend the meetings of the Fellowship.

West Northfield South Vernon

Mrs. Rolland Wood has resigned as teacher in the school at Leyden and will join her husband, Sgt. Rolland Wood, who is in training camp in Texas.

Mrs. Harrison Stacy was pleasantly surprised upon her birthday last week by a number of friends, who called to spend the evening and brought gifts. Refreshments were served.

Sgt. Paul Butinsky is now stationed in Louisiana with the army air corps and his brother Michael is in training as an aviation cadet, stationed in North Carolina.

At the annual town meeting in Vernon last week, the town voted to purchase a \$5,000 War Bond with its surplus funds. E. W. Dunklee was moderator of the

meeting and A. A. Dunklee was chosen selectman; W. C. Tyler, lister; S. J. Martineau, auditor; W. H. Whitaker, collector of taxes and treasurer. The total taxes voted was \$2 to be levied on valuations.

Alfred Dunklee has returned home from the Brattleboro hospital where he has been for observation.

Mrs. Fred M. Allen sustained painful injuries to her face recently while cleaning away snow from in front of her home. She was hit by falling ice. She is now improving.

Lumber from the old Vernon railroad station is now being used in the construction of a barn on the farm of Guy Severance.

Sky-Lights

Three little boys were playing around the Belcher fountain this week. The water dripping had made an interesting hollow stalactite of ice. "Come," said one little explorer, "let's go to the North Pole!"

A Northfield woman, noted for her canning ability, has on her shelves an array of canned squirrel, rabbit and a quantity of delectable mushrooms. Here is conservation of a high order and without cost. Remember, they are eating muskrat—called "muskrabbit" on some of the best tables in Washington.

For the love of his dog a Deerfield man advertises a \$50.00 reward (no questions asked) for the

return of his half-and-half spitz and Irish setter. Love and loyalty have no price and they ask no questions all they ask is to be united.

A "Left-Over" Enricher

By Frances Lee Barton

LEFT-OVER dishes may be turned into delicious surprise dishes by carefully following this recipe for Spinach Ring. No sugar, very little butter, only one cup of milk — what more could you ask for during rationing days?

Spinach Ring
2 tablespoons butter; 1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca; 1/2 cup milk; 1 cup grated American cheese; 2 tablespoons minced onion; 2 eggs, well beaten; 1 cup drained cooked spinach, finely chopped; 1 cup grated raw carrots; 1 teaspoon vinegar; 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard; dash of pepper.

Combine butter, tapioca, salt, and milk in saucepan. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. Add grated cheese, onion, eggs, spinach, carrots, vinegar, mustard, and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Turn into well-greased ring mold. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 50 minutes; or until firm. Unmold and fill center with creamed fish, left-over meat, or mushrooms.

Make it DO for the DURATION!



IT'S the exposed parts of any house that get the worst wear and tear from the elements. That's why they should be fixed up now if they are beginning to fail.

Take the front porch, for instance. It will probably mean more than even a spring and summer with no pleasure cars buzzing off to movies and bridge parties in the evenings. So look it over now and see what condition it's in.

Broken railings are unsightly and broken steps are actually dangerous, so both should be put into repair. Better first aid now for a broken step than first aid later for a broken leg. In making new steps, use slats about a quarter of an inch apart. Because these allow adequate drainage, they do not hold water.

moisture. The slats should be painted on all four sides to protect the wood.

If the floor needs repainting, dry weather when the cracks are at their widest. The narrowest cracks can have linseed oil run into them, but cracks wide enough to be filled should be filled before the floor is painted. For this purpose plastic wood, white lead thinned with linseed oil or any commercial exterior crack filler can be used.

If the porch is one of the most exposed parts of the house, the porch roof is one of the most exposed parts of the porch. If this is leaky, it should be re-covered with a fire and water-resistant material such as asphalt shingles to protect the whole porch area. Such shingles can be laid right over the old roof and can be chosen in a color to match the roof covering the rest of the house.

Even the porch furniture deserves special attention, particularly metal furniture which is no longer being produced. If this is gathering rust in the basement or garage, it should be thoroughly cleaned with a rust remover and given a fresh coat of protective

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EDITORIAL

CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once
 And no man has the power
 To tell just when the hands will stop
 At late or early hour.
 Now is the only time you own—
 Live, love, toil with a will!
 Place no faith in tomorrow for
 The clock may then be still.
 Dr. George H. Candler

NON-PARTISAN

There are to be no Republicans or Democrats in Amherst, when it comes to a town election, for the ballot will be strictly non-partisan without party affiliation. There will be no caucus, for nomination will be open to all upon the filing of nomination papers. A special bill has been introduced into the Legislature to provide for the situation in Amherst, covering all details. The plan and method was that followed in Northfield at the time of the February town meeting and proved successful although because nobody wanted to seek office, there was no competition on the list. It proved beyond doubt that there is no necessity for a caucus, which have never been well attended and only entails a lot of work, personal effort and expense. Our candidates for office were not labeled with the party emblem although it was well known that they were all Republicans. The non-partisan town election commends itself.

WORTH WHILE

Sometimes we hear people asking if it is all necessary or worth while. I am referring to the unselfish labor of the members of Civilian Defense in its various divisions and to the loyal service of the watchers at the observation post. They say our nations enemies would never dare to invade and that although Hitler's spokesman has threatened, it could not happen. We all have the privilege to draw our own conclusions but many officials, both civic and military realize that it could happen, and happen here. It has been proven that the ocean is no formidable barrier. Surely no one can criticize or question any effort made to be ready for any emergency, than to have the emergency find us, if it does happen, unprepared. Civilian Defense and Air Observation signifies our preparedness. Recently there has been made public, the story of the watchers at the Peru, Mass., ob-

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 2 tbsp. fat 1/2 c. green pepper
 1 c. chopped onion 2 c. canned tomatoes
 or 1 1/2 c. water
 (Serves six)

Seal meat in fat in well cooker until brown. Add remaining ingredients and cook for two hours on low heat. Mix together 3 tbsp. fat, 2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and enough water to pour. Add to mixture and pour into casserole. Top with following biscuit mixture and bake at 400° for 35 minutes.

Corn Meal Biscuit:

 1/4 c. scalded milk 3/4 tsp. B. P.
 1/4 c. corn meal 1 tsp. salt
 2 c. white flour 1/2 c. shortening

Pour milk over corn meal. Cool completely. Add dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Drop by spoonfuls on meat mixture.

VITAMIN SALAD

 1 unpeeled tomato 1 c. finely cut spinach
 1 c. finely cut celery 2 tbsp. French dressing
 1 c. finely cut carrots 1/2 c. mayonnaise

Cut tomato into eighths and use as garnish. Toss other vegetables in French dressing and serve with mayonnaise.

LEMON DELIGHT

 1 pkg. lemon jello 1/3 c. honey
 1 1/2 c. water 8 Graham crackers
 Juice and rind of one lemon 1 can evaporated milk

Chill milk overnight in refrigerator. Dissolve jello in water. Add honey and lemon and when it begins to thicken, beat until foamy. Beat milk until thick and combine mixtures and beat again. Roll crackers fine and put half in bottom of dish. Pour in mixture and cover with remaining crumbs. Chill in refrigerator for two hours.

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 "Why the camera on the hood of your car?"
 "Oh, that's a movie machine. You see, I go too fast to look at the scenery."

 Stranger: "Why are you running a steam roller over that field?"
 Farmer: "I'm trying to raise mashed potatoes."

 Caller: "May I speak to the lady of the house, please?"
 Maid: "There's no lady of the house any more, she's a lieutenant."

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